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Employers Affected by December Fires in Ventura County Eligible for Extension on Filing Employment Tax Reports

SACRAMENTO – Employers in Ventura County who were directly affected by damage resulting from the December fires may request up to a 60-day extension to file their state payroll reports and deposit state payroll taxes with the state Employment Development Department (EDD), without penalty or interest.

This extension, applicable only to the fourth quarter of 2006, may be granted under Section 1111.5 of the California Unemployment Insurance Code (CUIC). State payroll taxes include Unemployment Insurance, Employment Training Tax, State Disability Insurance, and California Personal Income Tax.

Written requests for extension must be received by EDD with a postmark date of February 2, 2007, or earlier.

To request an extension, employers must send EDD a letter specifically requesting an extension of time under Section 1111.5 of the CUIC, along with any late payment or report. The letter also must provide detailed information as to why the report or payment could not be submitted in a timely manner.

Employers should mail the letter and tax report or payment to the address specified on their filing form.

If an employer has already been charged a late filing or payment penalty and the employer believes he/she may qualify for this extension, the employer should send a written request to:

EDD P.O. Box 826846, MIC 3A Sacramento, CA 94246-0001

For further information, employers may visit EDD's Web site at www.edd.ca.gov/eddemerdisaster.htm or call the EDD Taxpayer Assistance Center at 1-888-745-3886.